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VIRGINIA'S WHEAT YIELD UP FROM JUNE BARLEY YIELD UP FROM LAST YEAR

Virginia's wheat producers expect yields to average 70 bushels per acre in 2011, according to a survey conducted by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. This is up 4 bushels per acre from last month's forecast. Yield forecasts are based on conditions as of July 1. Wheat production in Virginia is expected to total about 18.2 million bushels, up 123 percent from last year's total wheat crop of 8.2 million bushels. Producers expect to harvest 260,000 acres of wheat, 100,000 acres more than in 2010.

Barley yields in Virginia are expected to average 85 bushels per acre, up 18 bushel per acre from last year. Barley production is expected to total 5.95 million bushels, up 85 percent from 2010. Harvested acreage is expected to total 70,000 acres, up 22,000 acres from last year.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION UP 11 PERCENT IN 2011 PEACH PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Virginia's 2011 flue-cured tobacco production is expected to total 44.4 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2010. Acres harvested are estimated at 18,500 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year. The yield forecast at 2,400 pounds to the acre, is up 120 pounds from last year.

Virginia's 2011 peach crop is expected to total 6,000 tons. This production forecast is based on crop conditions as of July 1. If realized, this year's estimated production would be down 210 tons from last year's crop.

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Winter Wheat Production Up 3 Percent from June

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and up slightly from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month but down 0.6 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2011 but up 2 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 791 million bushels, is up 2 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 458 million bushels, is up 6 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 1 percent from last month and now totals 243 million bushels. Of this total, 11.6 million bushels are Hard White and 231 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 63.7 million bushels, down 41 percent from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 38.7 bushels per acre, down 3.7 bushels from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 1.65 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2011 but down 35 percent from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 551 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.2 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2011 but down 1 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 41.7 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels below 2010. Of the total production, 504 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 12 percent from last year.

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